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Defense Appropriations Bill Clears Congress, Sent to LBJ

The Department of Defense appropriations bill, which sets FY68 military funding at slightly less than $70 billion, has been sent to the President for signature. The bill, approved by the House and Senate Sept. 12-13, totaled about $1.6 billion below the amount requested in the budget.

Major appropriations in the bill include: $21.8 billion for pay and allowances of military personnel; $22 billion, procurement; $19 billion, operation and maintenance and $7.1 billion, research and development.

The bill also includes funds for these military projects:

- $147.9 million for eight F-111B fighter aircraft for the Navy.
- $55 million in R & D for the Air Force F-12 advanced fighter interceptor.
- $11.9 million to keep B-52 strategic bombers in inventory at present levels.
- $47 million for development of the Advanced Manned Strategic Aircraft (AMSA). Congress limited funds only to the AMSA project.
- $269 million for procurement of Nike-X Anti-Ballistic Missiles (ABM) with the money again limited only to this project.

Retained in the legislation is the House amendment which stipulates that none of the funds can be used for building naval vessels in foreign shipyards, thus prohibiting DOD from giving British shipyards opportunity to bid on seven wooden-hull minesweepers.

Air Force Tests Seek Solution To Runway, Air Traffic Congestion

Air Force is currently testing takeoffs three minutes apart by T-37 and T-38 jet trainers in flights of 54 aircraft at Laughlin AFB, Tex., to relieve runway and air traffic congestion.

The Air Training Command said the management of takeoffs during undergraduate pilot training not only unclogs air traffic jams but also eliminates conditions limiting training to certain times of the day.

Three parallel runways are used. Other ATC pilot training bases—Vance AFB, Okla., and Reese and Laredo AFBs, Tex.—are using the system.

TROOPING THE LINE—Gen. James H. Polk, Commander in Chief, USAREUR and Seventh Army (right), troops the line with Lt. Gen. Jean Engler, Deputy Chief of Staff Logistics, Department of the Army, during ceremonies in Gen. Engler's honor at USAREUR Headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany.

President Nominates Alfred B. Fitt As Assistant SecDef, Manpower

President Johnson has announced his intention to nominate General Counsel of the Army, Alfred B. Fitt to be Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower), succeeding Thomas D. Morris, who has been named Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations & Logistics).

Mr. Fitt has been in the Army position since August 1964, with additional duties as Special Assistant (Civil Functions).

Other top positions held in the Pentagon by Mr. Fitt have been Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Civil Rights) from September 1963-July 1964 and Deputy Under Secretary of the Army (Manpower), July 1961-August 1963.

Mr. Fitt received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Yale University in 1946, and graduated in 1948 from the University of Michigan Law School J.D. with honors.

The 44-year-old assistant secretary is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, Detroit Bar Association, American Judicature Society, and Federal Bar Association.

He served in the Army from 1943-1946.

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GEN. EARLE G. WHEELER was released from Walter Reed General Hospital Sept. 13. His condition was described as good, and Department of Defense officials said "he is expected to resume his duties after a few weeks of convalescent leave." Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was admitted to hospital Aug. 30. While taking his annual physical examination, doctors noted he had experienced minor heart damage since his last physical.

NEW CONCEPTS IN transportation are expected to be discussed, along with emergency transportation planning and progress in defense transportation field, when annual transportation and logistics forum of National Defense Transportation Association is held in Los Angeles in October. Adm. Ulysses S. G. Sharp Jr., Commander-in-Chief, Pacific, will deliver keynote address Oct. 4.

RADM. FRANCIS D. Foley will relieve RAdm. Reuben T. Whitaker as Commandant, Third Naval District, in ceremonies in New York, N.Y., on Sept. 28. Adm. Whitaker will continue in primary duty of Commander, Military Sea Transportation Service, Atlantic Area. Adm. Foley will report to new post from duties as Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Operations and Readiness.

SCIENTISTS AT Naval Oceanographic Office are testing an automatic food analyzer which can determine nutrient values of sea water while a ship is underway, allowing scientists to forecast presence of large schools of fish. Capt. L. E. DeCamp, Oceanographic Office Commander, says food analyzer has military value because large schools of fish can block sonar equipment or scatter sound waves.

SAVINGS BOND OWNERS must notify Air Force Accounting and Finance Center, Denver, Colo., when changing address. Center officials said more than 700 bonds are returned there each month because of incorrect addresses.

ARMY MOBILITY Equipment Command's Engineer Research and Development Laboratories, Ft. Belvoir, Va., has developed new mixture for application to equipment and facilities which will blend into snow-covered landscape. Designed to replace whitewash in certain applications, material dries within half-hour and is resistant to abrasion, moisture and moderate heat.

EXERCISE "BOLD SHOT 2-68," a Strike Command joint airborne assault training operation, was held in southwest area of U.S. between Sept. 7-15. Participating forces included elements of USSTRICOM headquarters, Military Airlift Command, Tactical Air Command and 82nd Airborne Division. During exercise, parachute air assaults were made on Ft. Carson, Colo., and Ft. Hood, Tex., and an airlanding assault was made at Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., and Cannon AFB, N. Mex.

MANNED AIRCRAFT, commercial and military, will be in use "for a long time to come" and therefore represent a national priority "second to none," Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey told aerospace industry and military officials at the Air Force Association's annual meeting in Washington.

ELEMENTS OF AIR Force Special Air Warfare Center, Eglin AFB, Fla., are working with Department of Agriculture in program to eradicate screwworm fly. Unit of 1st Air Commando Wing, England AFB, La., is temporarily assigned to Moore Airfield, Mission, Tex., to learn techniques of screwworm control, which later may be applied to disease and pest control in other areas of world. Screwworm is parasite that attacks wounds of warm blooded animals, primarily cattle.

NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS Command has awarded a $25.9 million fixed-price letter contract to Lockheed Aircraft Corp., Burbank, Calif., for configuration change in P-3B aircraft and for associated engineering, planning and tooling.

SIXTH ANNUAL USAF Contract Aerospace Services Symposium is scheduled Oct. 4 near Dayton, Ohio. Keynote luncheon speaker will be Gen. Thomas P. Gerrity, Commander, Hqs., Air Force Logistics Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Other key Air Force generals are scheduled to speak.

FASTER ACTION on veterans benefits can be assured if senders of letters to Veterans Administration can be recognized immediately. Veterans are urged to include file number if already doing business with VA; include full name, service number, dates of enlistment and discharge, and complete current address; address inquiries to VA regional office that serves veteran's state. Otherwise write: Contact and Liaison Division, Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C. 20420.

NAVY RESERVE MOBILE Construction Battalion 22, Killeen, Tex., has been selected for John R. Perry trophy awarded annually to "best of type" of reserve Seabee battalions. RMCB-22 is composed of 18 reserve Seabee battalions from Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. Trophy is named for former RAdm. John R. Perry, who served as Chief of Bureau of Yards and Docks and Chief of Navy Civil engineers from 1953 to 1955.

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Background for Commanders

Alliance for Progress — Instrument for Change*

When we think of Latin America and the Alliance for Progress, the characterizing word is "change"—urgent, basic, needed change. The Alliance was created to answer the needs of swiftly changing times, and indeed the Alliance already has been the engine for vast and sweeping changes in this hemisphere.

New Phase of the Alliance

While we should never lose sight of the ultimate goals tied to hemispheric unity, it is the new, intermediate phase that I want to discuss with you.

Latin America has many dreams but probably none that its people more passionately seek to fulfill than those of democratic growth and social justice. We share that dream, for nothing is more precious to us than human dignity; free and democratic institutions; and, as our great Declaration of Independence puts it, "the pursuit of happiness."

We must, therefore, help create, strengthen, modify, and build institutions that provide the opportunity for:

- All to share equitably in the cost of building their country with the assurance that their contributions are used widely and honestly.
- The farmer to own land, to obtain credit, and to market his production at fair prices.
- Youth to obtain an education and to make an intelligent and meaningful contribution to society while preparing also to lead it within short years.
- The worker to get work and to be rewarded properly for his labor.
- Business to invest under just and equitable laws and earn fair returns.
- All to stand equally before the law without fear or favor and to live out their years in peace, honor and social effectiveness.

Let me be specific: Improved productivity and greater monetary stability alone are not enough; there must be modernization of existing institutions and the development of new ones.

Modernizing the Conditions of Rural Life

The Presidents called at Punta del Este for modernization of the conditions of rural life. It may be that much that needs to be done along lines I have just mentioned can be related to this Presidential support for further study and work. Additionally, in most countries there lie ahead:

- The development of food processing and food storage;
- Improved physical facilities for urban-rural exchanges of goods and services;
- Institutional changes in the marketing process itself.

The first two of these are mainly the business of private enterprise, whose role in development is exceedingly important, especially in this second stage of the development process. The international agencies and the United States can help with ideas, feasibility-study financing, and the supplying of marketing experts under technical assistance. Much of the capital, most of the risk-taking and innovating initiatives must come from the private sector in a combination that is suitable to the times and the fair needs of all groups involved.

Educating the "Decisionmakers-To-Be"

Institution-building is now a national process and must eventually become a community process. The dynamism, the know-how, for social change has to come from within the system.

This means, above all, *education* of the decisionmakers-to-be. All education is an Alliance goal, but good university education is an immediate, absolute, necessity for the articulate, dissatisfied young people who, through their own energies and frequently over very great dificulties, have made their ways to the public universities of Latin America with eventual public leadership in mind. **These public universities are, right now, turning out the decisionmakers of tomorrow. They are the major civilian engines of social mobility in Latin America**—the only way a poor but energetic and determined young person can rise in society without joining the military services. Communists and other extremists know this quite well. The public universities are prime targets of the extremist elements. I consider public university betterment very urgent.

Modernization of Men

Latin America cannot modernize democratically without modernized political leaders, administrators, businessmen. And the modernization of men should be mainly a national and regional process, not one that relies too heavily on sending the leaders-to-be off to the United States or Europe to be educated, valuable though such experiences are. One danger of the latter course is that he might not come home—the "brain drain" problem. Another is that he will not have lived through—grown up intellectually with—the change of his own country and thus be too remote from change underway when his generation assumes leadership.

Throughout the Americas there is renewed activity, new confidence. Many and difficult are the tasks ahead of us. The war on poverty and underdevelopment in the neighborhood is not yet won. But the strategy for victory has been given to us by our Presidents. The challenge of great opportunity is before us. Let us all give in our respective ways the best we have to give.

** Excerpts from a recent address by Covey T. Oliver, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs and U.S. Coordinator for the Alliance for Progress.*

MTMTS Programs Troop Movements To Afford Maximum Holiday Leaves

The Army's Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service has begun programming December 1967 troop movements to overseas assignments in an effort to permit a maximum number of personnel to be on leave during the Christmas holidays without jeopardizing the defense effort.

Although personnel movements are normally prorated evenly throughout the month, MTMTS officials are working out schedules so that they will be concentrated in the first three weeks of December wherever practical.

Based on Army requirements, MTMTS is scheduling passengers outside the holiday period to allow Army installations to grant leave to military personnel and not require them to be in a transient status.

While some travel is unavoidable, the intent of the Army program is to reduce the number of personnel actually moving, eliminating the transient population at Army Personnel Centers during the holiday season.

A similar effort last year brought total Army transient personnel down to 289 at the three Army Personnel Centers from the normal in-house population of 3,000 during the two-day period of Dec. 24-25.

New Superintendent Named For Pacific Dependent Schools

Dr. James N. Pepper has left his post as professor of education, Miami University of Ohio, to become superintendent, dependent schools, Pacific school area, which has been vacant a year.

Nearly 50,000 dependent children are attending classes this year in what is believed to be the largest geographical school zone area in the world. Attendance is comparable to a city the size of Norfolk, Va.

FLIGHT PREPARATION—Air Force Major John E. Stavast selects his survival gear prior to flying a night reconnaissance mission over North Vietnam. He is a member of the RF-4 Phantom Squadron of the 432nd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing.

VA Publishes Brochure On New GI Bill Benefits

The Veterans Administration has published a new, up-to-date brochure (VA Pamphlet 20-67-1, Aug. 67) which outlines the benefits of the new GI Bill recently signed into law by the President.

It includes a state-by-state VA regional office address list of where to go for assistance.

The pamphlet also reminds veterans in and out of uniform of the duration of eligibility.

"Eligibility ceases at the end of eight years from the date of the veteran's last release from active duty after Jan. 31, 1955, except that veterans released from active duty before March 3, 1966, have eligibility until May 31, 1975," the VA information brochure stated.

Air Force Officers Honored For Resource Management

Six Air Force officers were honored in Washington "for exceptional achievement in the management of U.S. resources." Awards were made at the third annual fall meeting of the Air Force Association.

Three men from the Air Force Systems Command and three others from the Air Force Logistics Command were given the awards:

Col. Harry D. L'Heureux, AF plant representative, Ogden Air Force Plant Representative Office, Hill AFB, Utah, AFSC Distinguished Award for Management.

Lt. Col. Leonard R. Sugerman, executive officer, Directorate of Guidance Test, AF Missile Development Center, Holloman AFB, N.M., AFSC Meritorious Award for Support Management.

Capt. Daniel C. Schaffner, project officer, Weapons Division, AF Armament Laboratory, Eglin AFB, Fla., AFSC Meritorious Award for Program Management.

Col. Leonard J. Otten Jr., director of Special Weapons, Hq., San Antonio Air Materiel Area, Kelly AFB, Texas, Logistics Executive Management Award.

Maj. Jack T. Baker, Directorate of Materiel Management, Hq. Ogden Materiel Area, Hill AFB, Utah, Logistics Middle Management Award.

1st Lt. Thomas M. McCann Jr., Directorate of Procurement and Production, Hq. Ogden Air Materiel Area, Hill AFB, Utah, Logistics Junior Management Award.

Fire-Damaged USS Forrestal Arrives at Norfolk for Repair

The aircraft carrier USS Forrestal is back in the U.S. following the tragic July 29 fire in waters off the coast of Vietnam.

The Forrestal is now at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Va., where it is expected to take about six months for the carrier to be made operational.

Navy listed 134 men killed because of the fire.

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